

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as indicated at the paragraph numbers indicated in brackets below:

[0027] On the front end, the verification engine [[can]]establishes the identity of its authentication client with standard digital certificates, passwords, and user names. Each authentication client has a specified list of questions it can ask the system. For example, an airport security guard (in possession of a passenger's driver's license) may only ask such a system "Does John Smith live at 123 Main Street, Jackson, Mississippi, and have Mississippi Driver's License number 549-34-2218?" The only response he can receive back is either a yes or a no, the confidence the system has in that answer, and possibly a picture of the legitimate holder of the license. He cannot, for example, ask: "who lives at 123 Main Street?"